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SUBJ: MISSING BEECHCRAFT N777 - REX WISEMAN AND GENE ARNOLD

REF DEPT'S OM JUNE 13/75 AND PREVIOUS

1. AN ARTICLE APPEARED IN TODAY'S EL TIEMPO, BOGOTA'S LEADING NEWSPAPER, SAYING THAT A FARMER NAMED JOSE ANTONIO TRIANA-RAMIREZ INFORMED THE NEWSPAPER HE HAD LOCATED WRECKAGE OF AIRPLANE BEARING NUMBER N777S. INFORMANT ADDS WRECKAGE LOCATED IN ALMOST INACCESSIBLE SITE ON THE "SIMON BOLIVAR" PEAK OF THE SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS EAST OF BARRANQUILLA. ACCORDING TO TRIANA HE WAS ABLE TO OBSERVE IN THE INTERIOR OF AIRPLANE TWO PARTIALLY DECOMPOSED BODIES.

2. S&R OFFICERS OF USMILGROUP ARE COMMUNICATING WITH APPROPRIATE GOC OFFICIALS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF OBTAINING OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF FIND. PRESUMABLY THIS WILL ONLY BE POSSIBLE BY ON-SITE INSPECTION BY GOC OFFICERS. ALTHOUGH ALTITUDE OF CRASH SITE NOT KNOWN, PEAK IS 5,660 METERS HIGH.

3. ASSUMING REMAINS COULD BE BROUGHT DOWN FROM MOUNTAIN MOST UNLIKELY THEY COULD BE EMBALMED FOR SHIPMENT US AND WILL HAVE TO BE BURIED IN A SITE TO BE DETERMINED BY AUTHORITIES. CREMATION NOT PERMITTED UNDER COLOMBIAN LAW.

4. TRIANA INFORMED NEWSPAPER HE HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR AIRPLANE EVER SINCE HE HEARD OF REWARD OF US\$5,000 OFFERED BY "WIFE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ONE OF THE AMERICANS." EL TIEMPO IDENTIFIES MRS REX WISEMAN AS

THE WIFE WHO OFFERED REWARD. REWARD ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY USIS TO NEWSPAPERS INDICATED ABOVE SUM WOULD BE PAID IF PILOTS FOUND ALIVE "AND ANOTHER REWARD FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE AIRCRAFT." USIS EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT TO RADIO STATIONS QUOTED REWARD INFO CONTAINED PARA ONE STATE 184509 AUG 22/74. BY LETTER DATED DEC 13/74 TO SENATOR STENNIS, MRS WISEMAN APPEARS TO HAVE INCREASED THE REWARD (SEE DEPT'S OM JAN 21/75).

5. ACTION REQUESTED DEPT SHOULD PASS INFO CONTAINED THIS CABLE TO THE WIDOWS AND INTERESTED CONGRESSMAN. MRS WISEMAN SHOULD BE ASKED TO CLARIFY EXACT AMOUNT OF REWARD WHEN OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION RECEIVED THAT WRECKED AIRCRAFT AND REMAINS OF PILOTS LOCATED. EMB SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH DENTAL CHARTS TO ASSIST WITH IDENTIFICATION REMAINS. VAKY

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